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Docket No: 1313/1G952US2

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for United States patent as identified below:

<u>Inventor/s</u> (name <u>ALL</u> inventors):

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<u>Title</u>: ABSORBENT PRODUCTS WITH IMPROVED VERTICAL WICKING AND REWET CAPABILITY

including the items indicated:

- 1. Specification and 42 claims: 8 indep.; 34 dep.; multiple dep.
- 2. [] Executed declaration and power of attorney ** Unexecuted declaration and power of attorney
- 3. [X] Formal drawings, 7 sheets (Figs. 1-9(b))
 [] Informal drawings, _ sheets (Figs.)
- 4. [] Assignment for recording to:
- 5. [] Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
- 6. [] Check in amount of \$.00, (\$ filing; \$ recording)

(See attached Fee Computation Sheet)

- 7. [] Preliminary Amendment
- 8. [] Information Disclosure Statement
- 9. [X] Please amend the description by inserting the following paragraph after the line containing the title on page 1:

 "This patent application claims the priority of U.S. nonprovisional patent application No. 09/495,530, filed on January 31, 2000 which is incorporated herein by reference."

Priority is claimed for this application, corresponding application/s having been filed as follows:

Country:

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Date:

The priority documents

[] are enclosed

[] will follow.

Date: January 30, 2001

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